

House Select Committee on Homeland Security Democrats

JIM TURNER, Ranking Member

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Turner on Bioshield: More Needs to be Done

Congressman Jim Turner, Ranking Member of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, issued the following statement on the signing of the Project Bioshield Act into law.

"I applaud the President's signing of the Project Bioshield Act into law today. It is an important step in our homeland security effort. But we must realize that this action marks only the beginning of a long road, not the end. There is much more work to be done."

"This bill is an experiment. We do not know if it will spur the private sector development of drugs, vaccines and diagnostics as intended. Congress must exercise vigorous oversight of this program to ensure it will actually provide us with capability to protect the public."

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